

## New Hampshire

### BASIC INFORMATION

2010 Census Population:	1,316,470 (42 <sup>nd</sup> )
Land Area:	8,952.65 square miles (44 <sup>th</sup> )
Density:	147 persons per square mile (21 <sup>st</sup> )
Capital:	Concord
Became a State:	June 21, 1788 (9 <sup>th</sup> )
Bordering States:	Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont
International Border:	Canada
Abbreviation:	NH
ANSI/FIPS Code:	33

### HISTORY

The area of New Hampshire was part of the original territory of the United States. It was originally included in the Charter of New England in 1620, but a separate grant established New Hampshire in 1629. In 1641, the area reunited with Massachusetts, and separated and reunited several times until it finally became a separate provincial government in 1741.

New Hampshire ratified the U.S. Constitution on June 21, 1788; it was the ninth of the original 13 states to join the Union. The state's boundary with Canada was not formally established until the Webster-Ashburton Treaty of 1842, when New Hampshire assumed generally the same boundary as the present state.

Census data for New Hampshire are available beginning with the 1790 census.

### METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND RELATED STATISTICAL AREAS

New Hampshire has core based statistical areas based on both counties (metropolitan statistical areas, micropolitan statistical areas, metropolitan divisions, and combined statistical areas) and county subdivisions (metropolitan New England city and town areas (NECTAs), micropolitan NECTAs, NECTA divisions, and combined NECTAs).

There are two metropolitan statistical areas, six micropolitan statistical areas, one metropolitan division, two combined statistical areas, four metropolitan NECTAs, seven micropolitan NECTAs, four NECTA divisions, and three combined NECTAs.

### COUNTIES

New Hampshire has 10 counties, all of which are active; however, they only provide a few services. Each county is governed by a board of commissioners.

### COUNTY SUBDIVISIONS

There are 260 county subdivisions in New Hampshire known as minor civil divisions (MCDs). There are 222 towns with functioning, but not necessarily active governments, each governed by a board of selectmen. One of the towns, Livermore town in Grafton County, is inactive. There are six townships in Coos County, which are nonfunctioning nongovernmental subdivisions of the county. There are also four locations, six purchases, eight grants, and one undefined MCD that is constituted of water area. In

addition, New Hampshire has 13 incorporated places which are independent of their county subdivisions, functioning as county subdivision equivalents.

## **PLACES**

New Hampshire has 96 places; 13 incorporated places and 83 census designated places (CDPs). The incorporated places in New Hampshire are cities and can only legally exist in a single county. Incorporated places are independent of county subdivisions.

## **CENSUS TRACTS/BLOCK GROUPS/BLOCKS**

New Hampshire has 295 census tracts, 922 block groups, and 48,837 census blocks.

## **CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS**

For the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress (January 2011-January 2013) New Hampshire had two congressional districts. For the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress (January 2013-January 2015), New Hampshire continues to have two congressional districts as a result of reapportionment based on the 2010 Census.

## **SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

New Hampshire has 88 elementary school districts, 10 secondary school districts, and 82 unified school districts. The Dresden unified school district is an interstate school district with schools in both Hanover, New Hampshire and Norwich, Vermont. The Rivendell unified school district is an interstate school district with schools in Orford, New Hampshire and Fairlee, Vermont.

## **STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS**

There are 24 state senate districts and 103 state house districts in New Hampshire.

## **URBAN AREAS**

New Hampshire has 25 urban areas; 5 urbanized areas and 20 urban clusters.

## **ZIP CODE TABULATION AREAS (ZCTA)**

There are 248 ZIP Code tabulation areas (ZCTAs) in New Hampshire.

## **OTHER INFORMATION OF GENERAL GEOGRAPHIC INTEREST**

In New Hampshire, the entities with local government power are towns and cities. A town can become a city by obtaining a charter from the state legislature. Each charter provides for the form of government of each city. Towns and cities differ mainly because cities do not have a "town-meeting" form of government, but there are some towns that do not have meetings and are not "cities." Changes to town boundaries are rare, but can occur if all towns affected by the changes agree with the decision.

## **HISTORICAL CENTERS OF POPULATION**

[http://www.census.gov/geo/reference/centersofpop/histstate/historical\\_cenpop\\_33.html](http://www.census.gov/geo/reference/centersofpop/histstate/historical_cenpop_33.html)

<b>Year</b>	<b>North Latitude</b>	<b>West Longitude</b>
2010 <sup>6</sup>	43° 09' 17"	71° 27' 43"
2000 <sup>6</sup>	43° 09' 11"	71° 27' 48"

Year	North Latitude	West Longitude
1990 <sup>5</sup>	43° 09' 42"	71° 27' 55"
1980 <sup>4</sup>	43° 10' 43"	71° 28' 25"
1970 <sup>3</sup>	43° 11' 35"	71° 28' 45"
1960 <sup>3</sup>	43° 14' 25"	71° 28' 51"
1950 <sup>3</sup>	43° 20' 25"	71° 32' 05"
1940 <sup>2</sup>	43° 20' 38"	71° 34' 34"
1930 <sup>2</sup>	43° 20' 50"	71° 34' 55"
1920 <sup>1</sup>	43° 21' 30"	71° 32' 17"
1910 <sup>1</sup>	43° 21' 18"	71° 32' 10"
1900 <sup>1</sup>	43° 26' 01"	71° 34' 44"
1890 <sup>1</sup>	43° 26' 01"	71° 35' 23"
1880 <sup>1</sup>	43° 26' 25"	71° 35' 50"

<sup>1</sup> Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1923

<sup>2</sup> Source: U.S. Census Bureau, recomputation for historical county level data which relied upon aggregate county level population data with an estimated county centroid resulting in a possible error of up to one mile.

<sup>3</sup> Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Centers of Population for States and Counties, 1974

<sup>4</sup> Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Geography Division, recomputation from archived national block group/enumeration area data resulting in a possible error of up to 1,000 feet.

<sup>5</sup> Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Geography Division, recomputation from archived national block group data resulting in a possible error of up to 1,000 feet.

<sup>6</sup> Source: U.S. Census Bureau, computation from national block-level data

### MOST POPULOUS, LARGEST IN AREA, AND MOST DENSELY POPULATED AREAS

	Population		Land Area (square miles)		Population Density (Persons per square mile)	
	Name	Population	Name	Area	Name	Density
<b>County</b>	Hillsborough County	400,721	Coos County	1,794.69	Hillsborough County	457.4
<b>Place</b>						
<b>- Inc Place</b>	Manchester city	109,565	Concord city	64.24	Manchester city	3,310.1
<b>- CDP</b>	Derry CDP	22,015	Derry CDP	15.22	Durham CDP	3,846.4
<b>Town</b>	Derry town, Rockingham County	33,109	Pittsburg town, Coos County	281.37	Hampton town, Rockingham County	1,195.9

## LISTS OF ENTITIES

See the [Gazetteer Files](#) for a list of geographic entities. See the [Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas](#) page for a list of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas and related statistical areas.